
REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 17-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 11 and 21 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-12 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,522,002 to Chun et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,337,388 to Jacobowitz et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach that one or more interconnections have a first exposed surface with the first exposed surface and a first side of the molded body being on the same plane and the first exposed surface not extending beyond that plane, and similarly with respect to the second exposed surface and a second side of the molded body, as claimed in claim 11 and similarly claimed in claim 21.

Instead, module 201 of Chun includes interconnect substrate 202 and electrical traces 203. End surface 218 and surface 217 are made having several portions removed to make openings 221 and 226 such as slots or grooves to expose contacts 222 and 224. That is, Chun merely shows a cross-sectional view of the molded body and the inner workings of the module 201.

The features of the claimed invention as recited in claims 11 and 21 provide the advantage of more easily establishing electrical connections on multiple sides of the molded body. The applied art does not disclose the features recited in the claimed invention and therefore cannot provide at least the advantages discussed above.

For at least the reasons set forth above, independent claims 11 and 21 define patentable subject matter. Claims depending from claim 11 are likewise distinguishable over

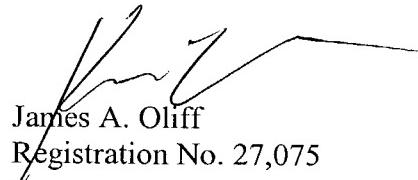
the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above as well as the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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